

# Determining Factors of Breast Cancer Survival

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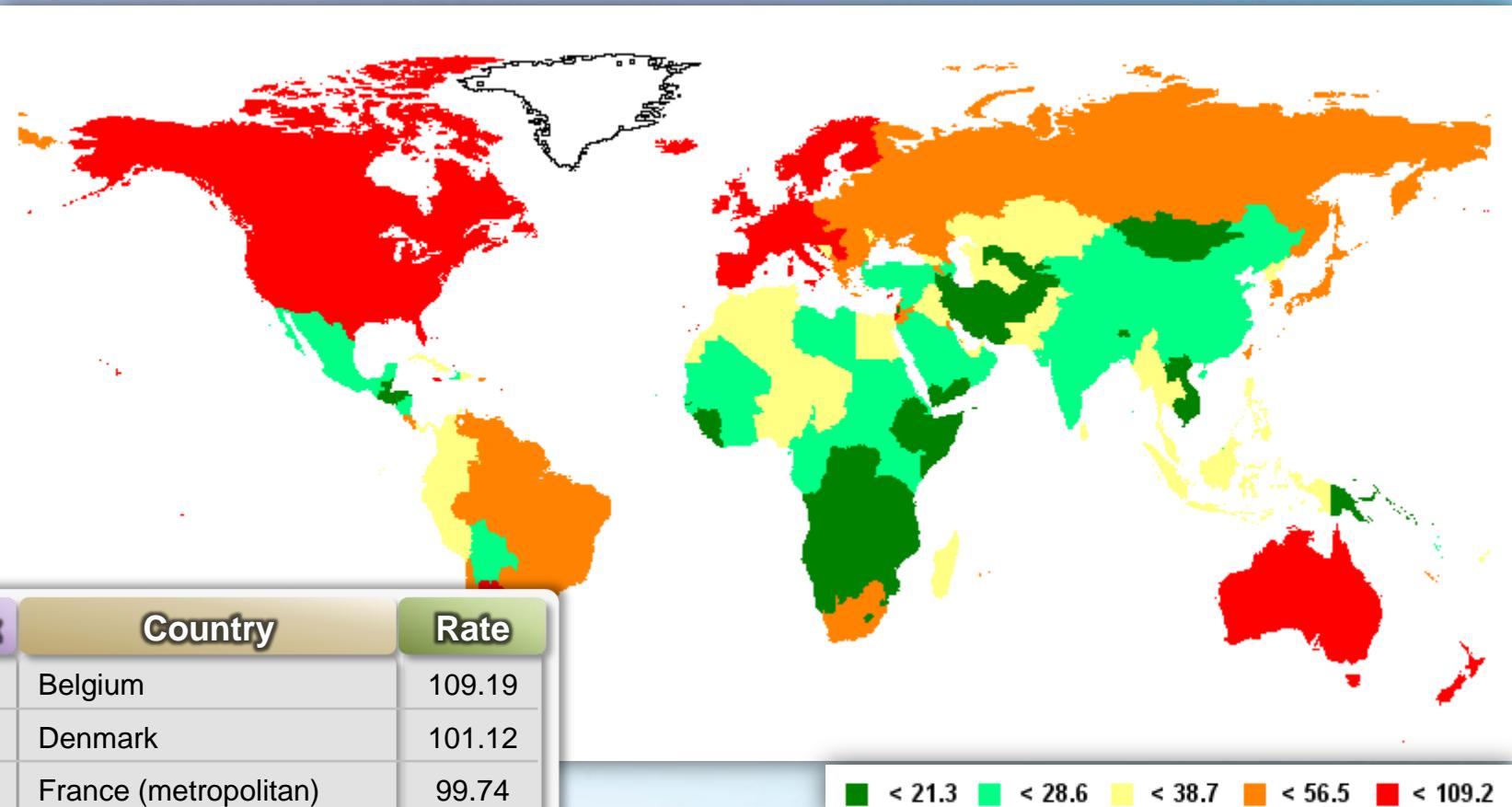
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# Outline

- Epidemiology of breast cancer subtypes
- Factors related to breast cancer prognosis
- Biomarkers for breast cancer survival
  - GWAS, methylation, and serum protein markers
- Summary and future direction

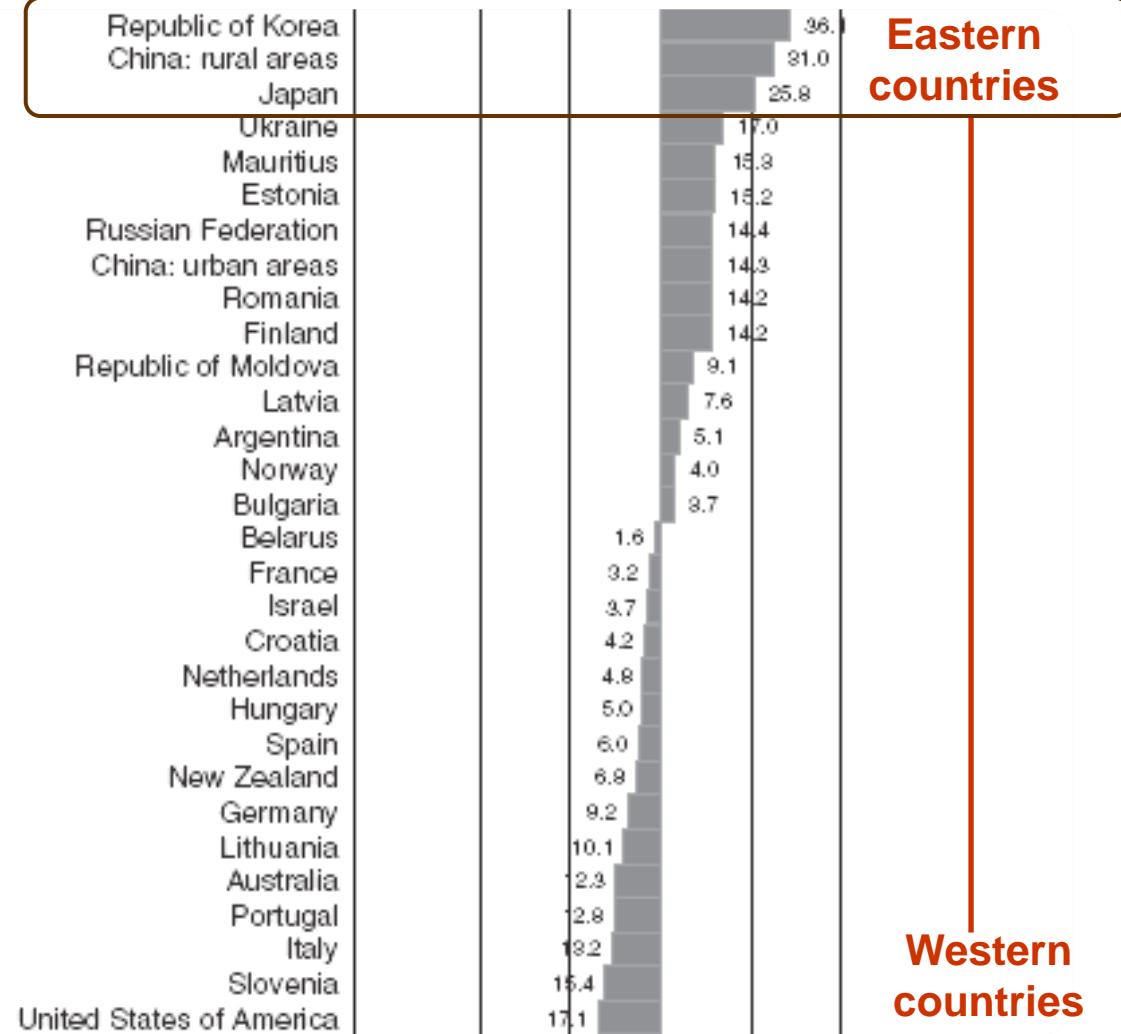
# Estimated Age-Standardized Incidence Rates



Per 100,000 Breast, all ages; GLOBOCAN 2008

# Change in Breast Cancer Mortality (1985-1995)

MRs in low incidence area showed marked increase



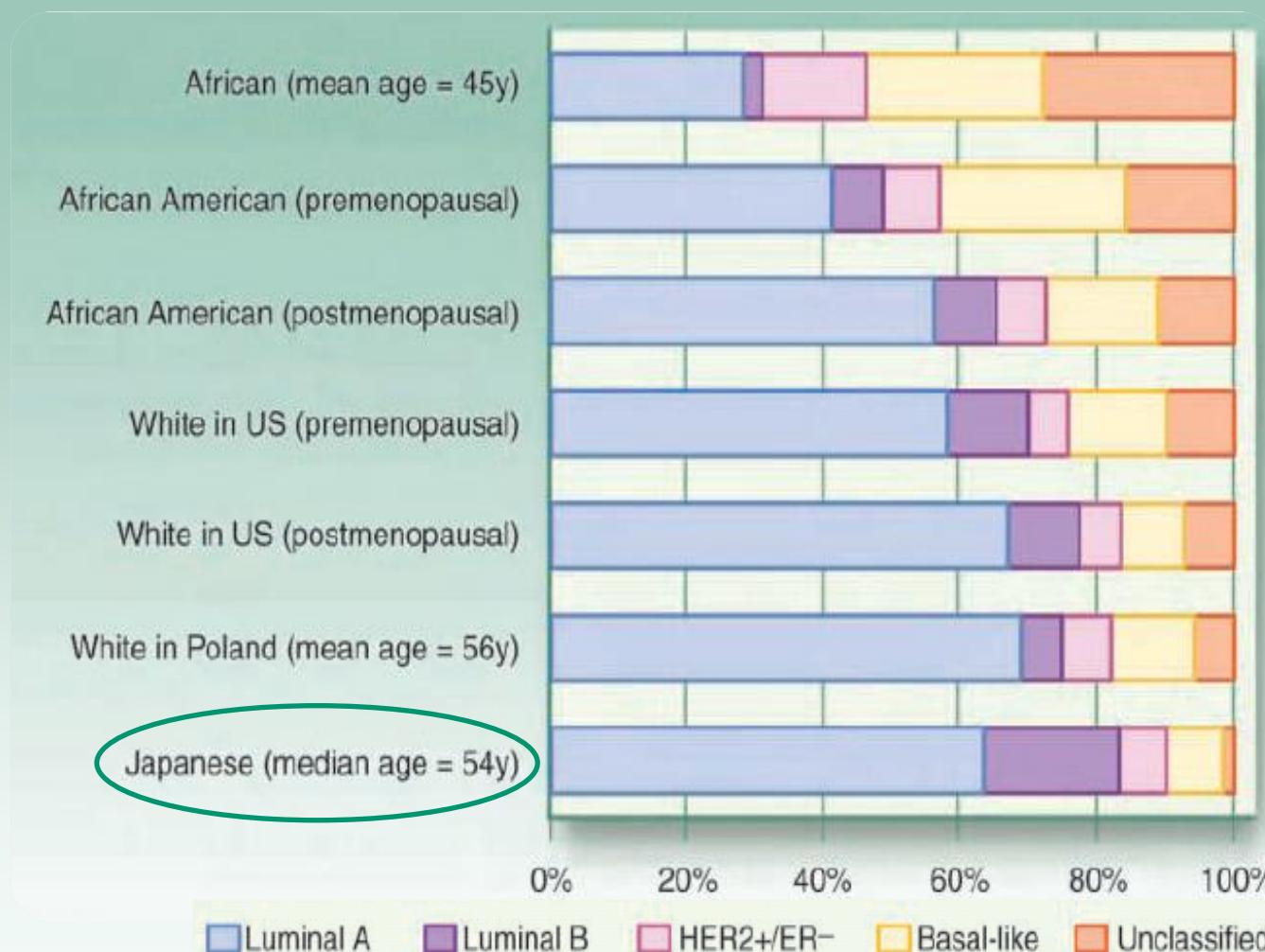
MRs in Western countries decreased  
← earlier detection & improved treatment

Eastern countries

Western countries

Bray et al, 2004, BCR

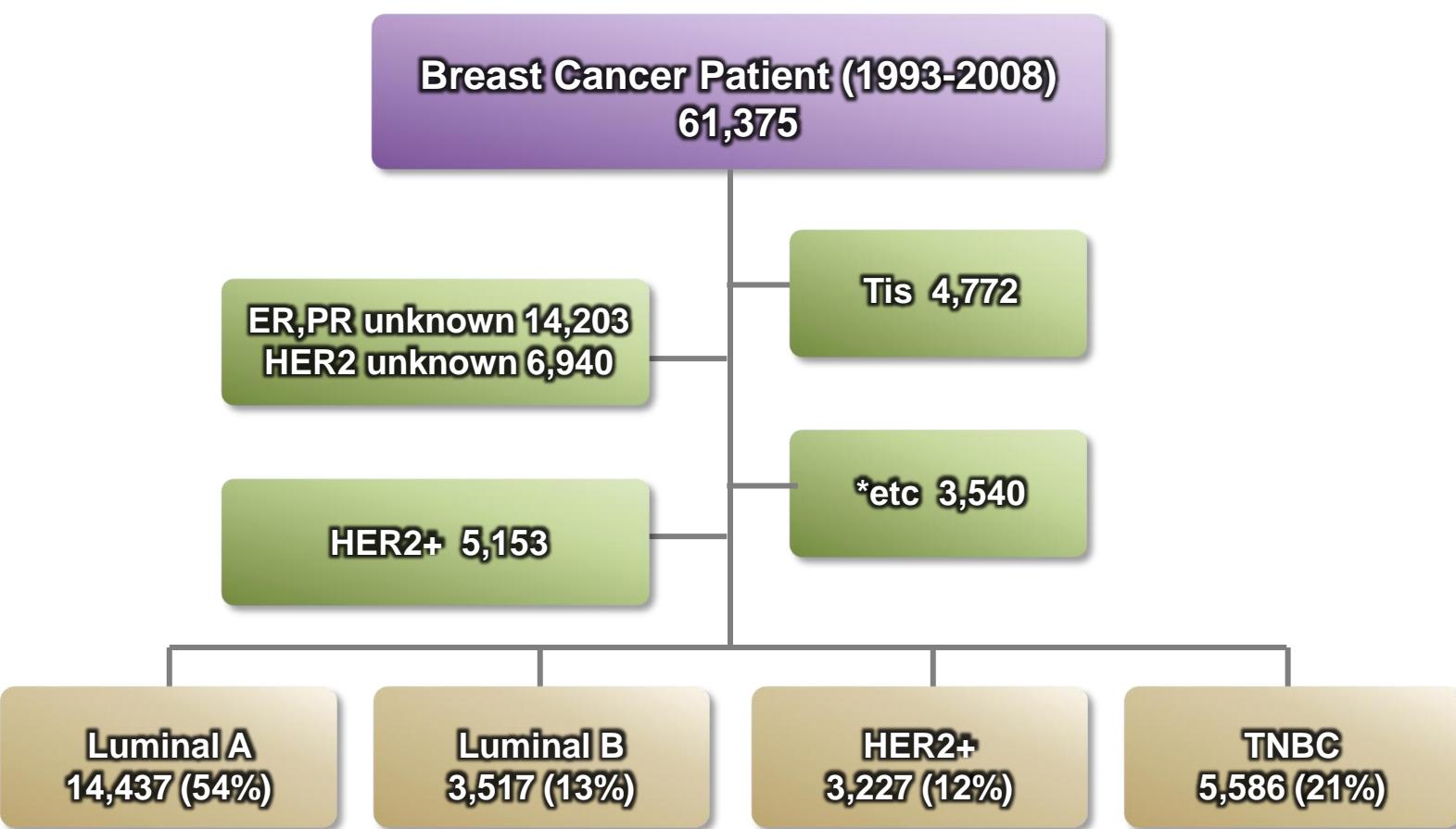
# Distribution of Breast Cancer Subtypes Across Different Populations



Olopade et al, 2008, CCR

# Subtypes of Breast Cancer in Korea

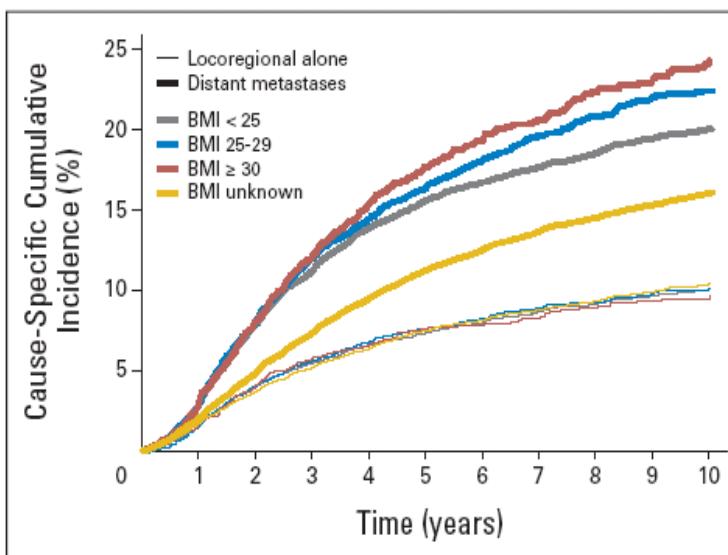
## using Korean Breast Cancer Society Registration data



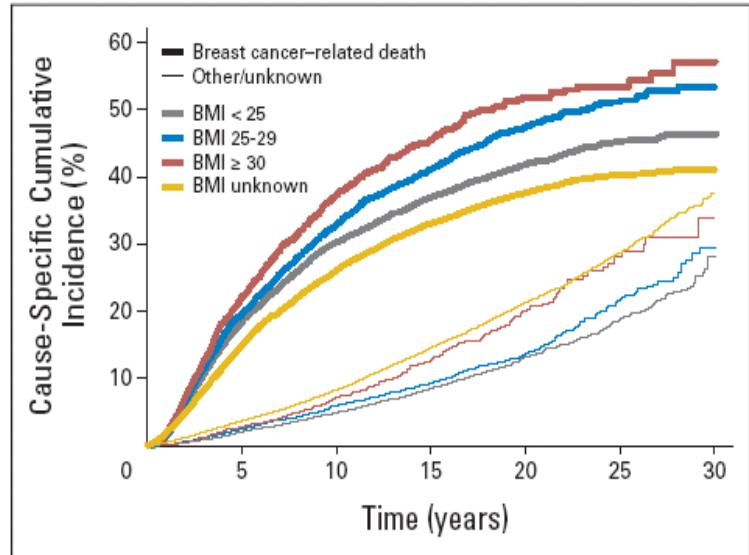
Lee et al, 2010, BCRT

# Obesity and Prognosis of Early-Stage Breast Cancer (Danish, n= 53,816)

## Cumulative incidence of first events



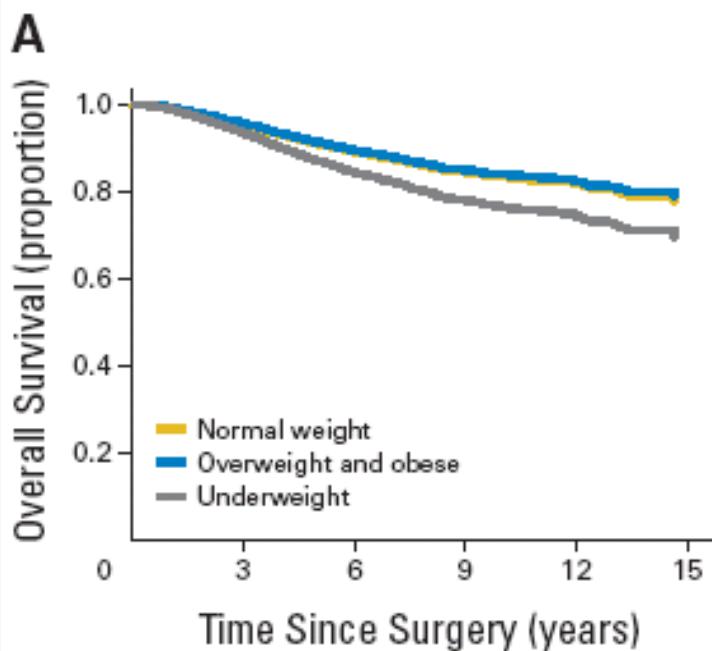
## Risk of death



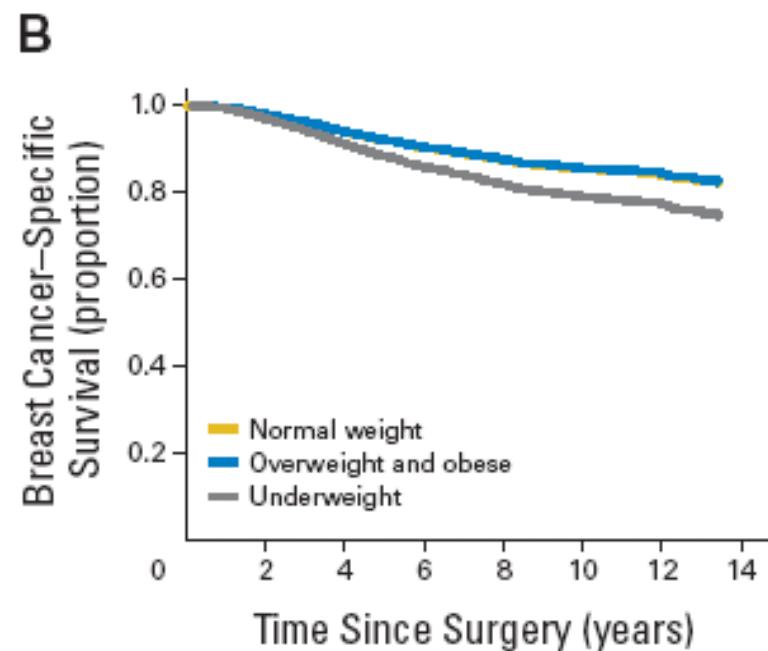
Ewertz et al, 2010, JCO

# Underweight and Breast Cancer Recurrence and Death in Korean (n= 24,698)

## Overall survival



## BrCa specific survival

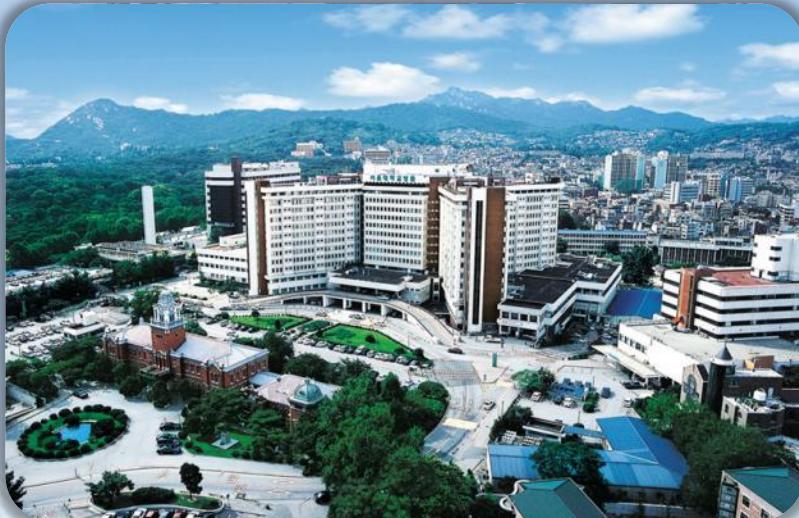


Underweight <18.5, Normal 18.5-24.9, Overweight and obese > 25.0+

Moon et al, 2009, JCO

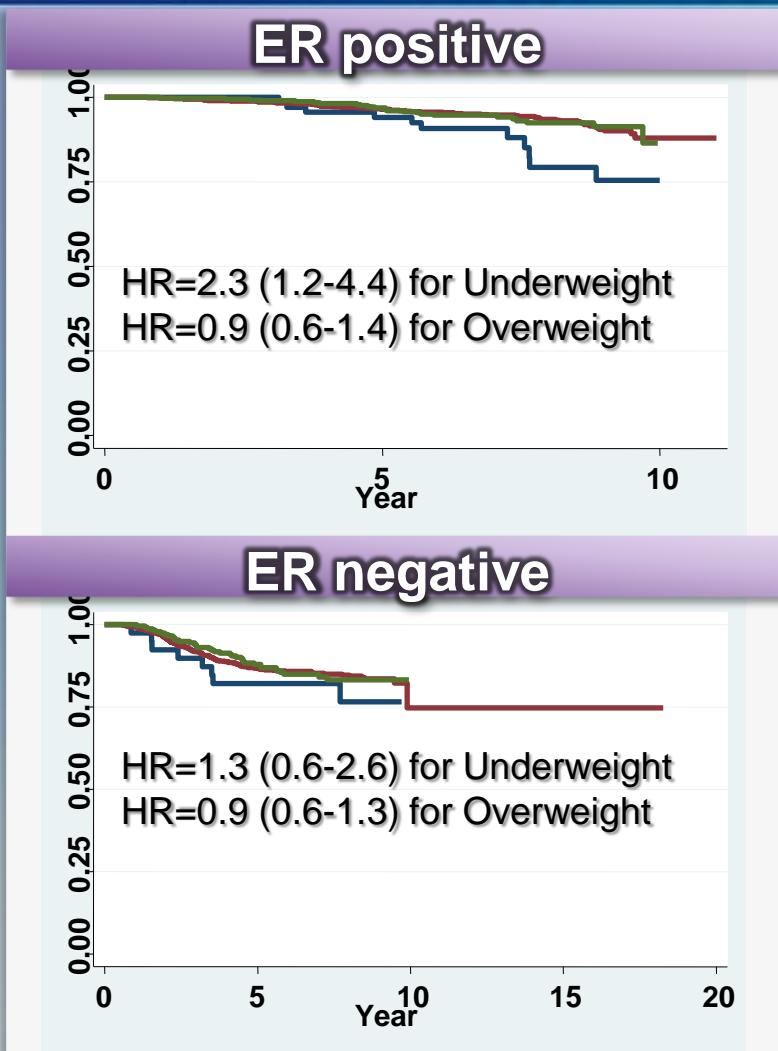
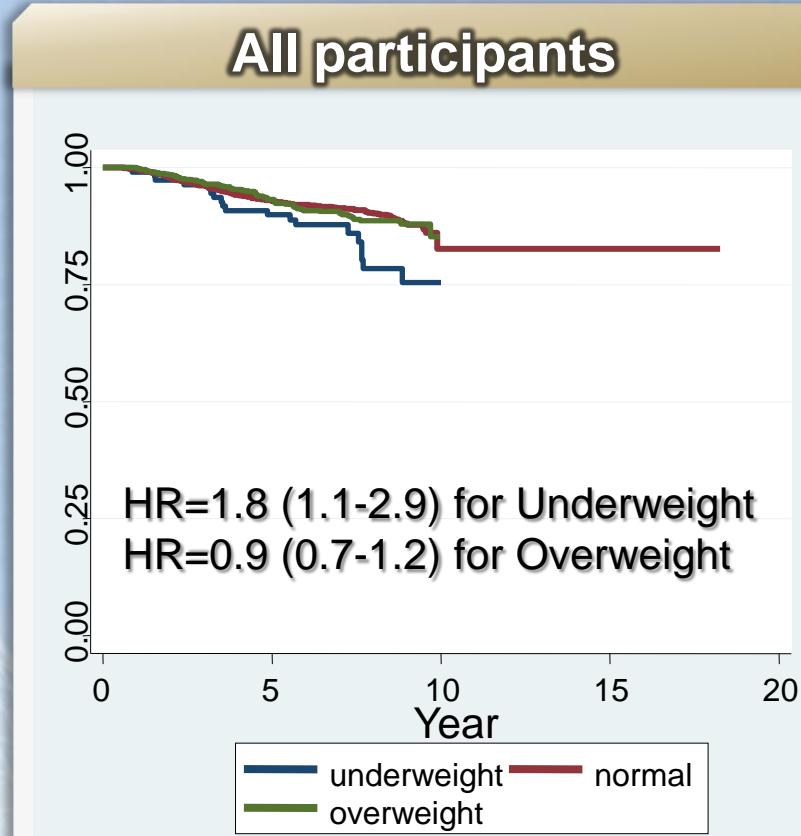
# Seoul Breast Cancer Study (SeBCS)

- a multicenter hospital based case-control study
  - since 1995
  - SNUH, AMC



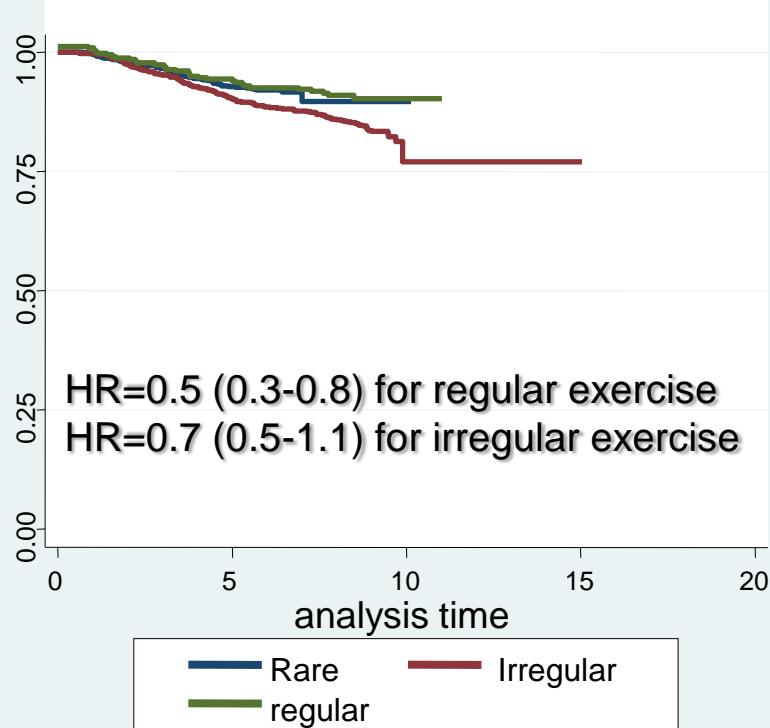
- 4,000 cases and 2000 controls (1995-2007)
  - Interview, biological specimen, medical record

# Underweight and Breast Cancer Survival in SeBCS

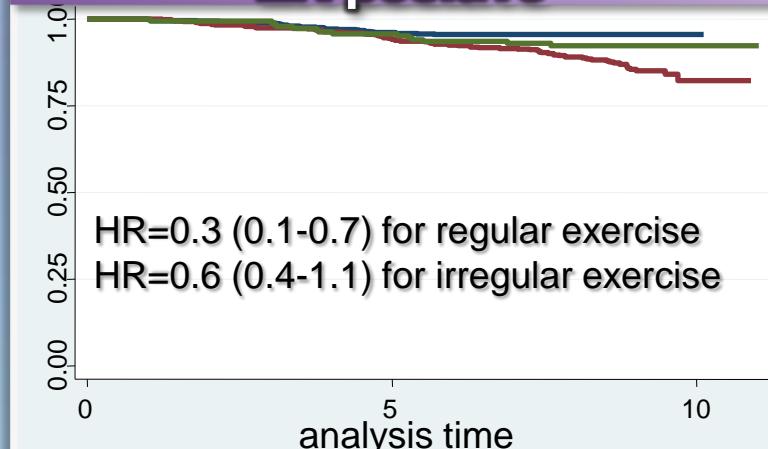


# Physical Activity and Breast Cancer Survival in SeBCS

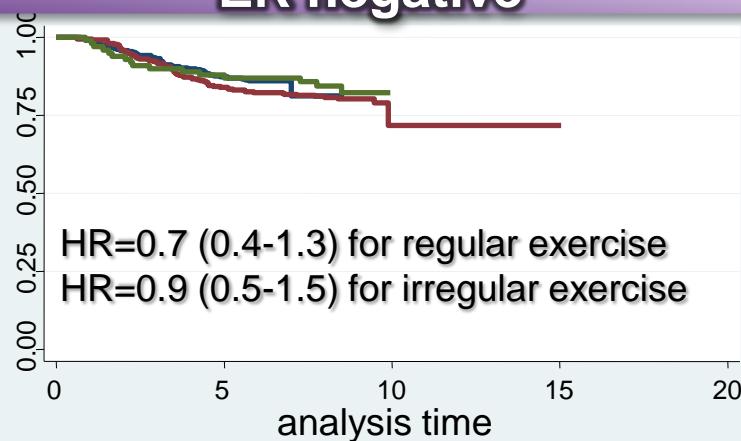
All participants



ER positive



ER negative



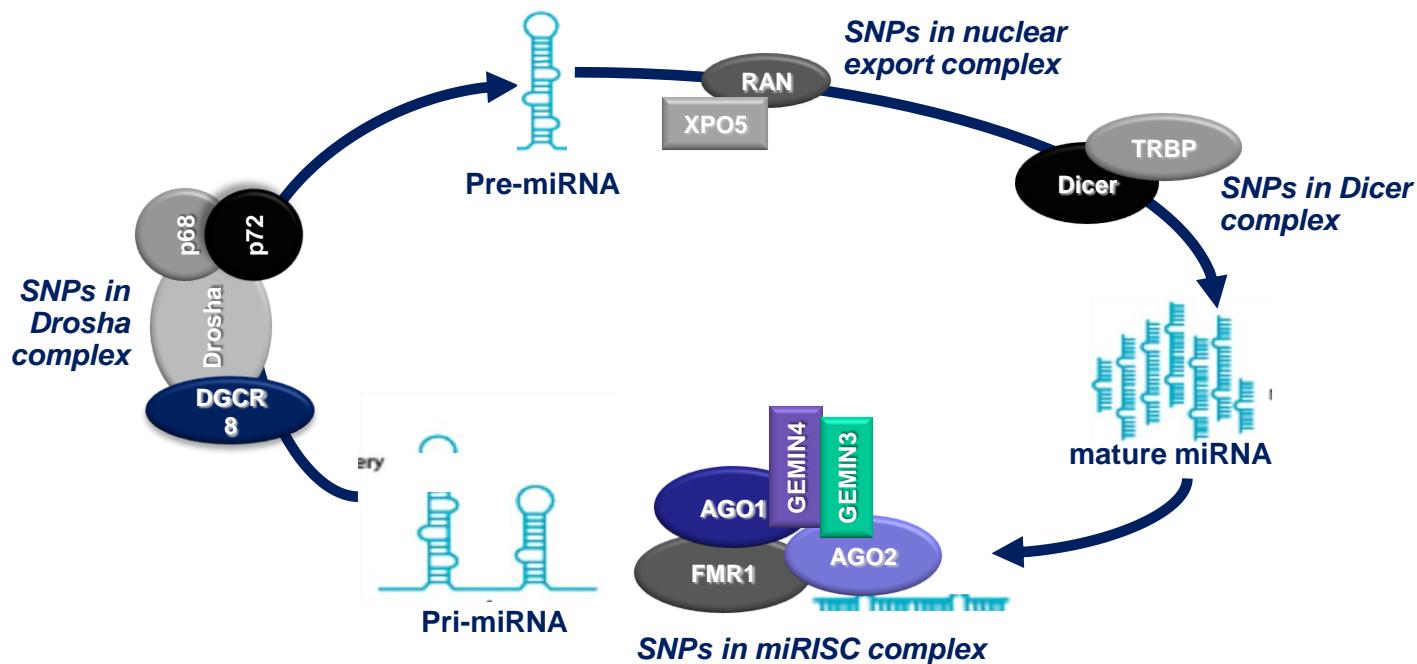
# SNPs Related to Breast Cancer Prognosis

Sample size	Candidate genes (1-2 genes)	Genes in the same pathway
<100	<i>XRCC1</i>	
100-500	<i>ST14/SPINT1</i> <i>SOD2</i> <i>IL-2</i> <u><i>NPAS2</i></u>	<b>ADMET</b> Folate metabolism IL related
500-1000	<i>PIK3CA</i> <i>CYP2C8/9</i>	<u><i>VEGF/IL/TGFb</i></u> Telomerases Chromosomal instability
1000+	<i>CYP19A1</i> <i>C1QA</i> <u><i>P53/MDM2</i></u> <i>LEP/LEPR (w/obesity)</i> <i>SIPA1, RRP1B</i> <i>SIPA1</i> <i>MMP7</i> <i>hCDC4/cyclinE</i>	Estrogen metabolism <i>TIMP2/3</i>
5000+		Prostaglandin related

# microRNA Biogenesis Pathway Genes

- Total 41 haplotype tagging SNPs in 14 miRNA biogenesis pathway genes

- 35 SNPs in 12 miRNA-processing machinery genes (*AGO1*, *AGO2*, *DICER1*, *DGCR8*, *DROSHA*, *FMR1*, *GEMIN3*, *GEMIN4*, *HIWI*, *RAN*, *TARBP2*, and *XPO5*)
- 6 SNPs in 2 genes to regulate estrogen-mediated miRNA processing (*p68* and *p72*)



# SNPs in microRNA Biogenesis Pathway genes and survival in SeBCS (n=488)

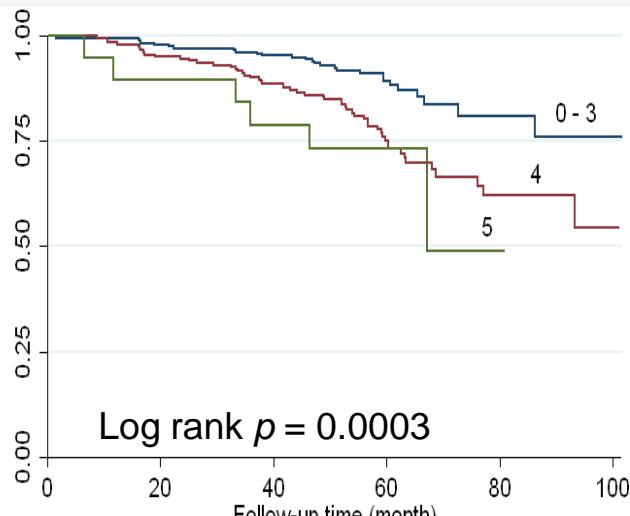
Gene	SNP	DFS, HRa (95% CI)	OS, HRa (95% CI)
AGO2	rs2292779	1.40 (1.05- 1.87)	2.26( 1.18- 4.35)
	rs11786030	2.52 (1.37- 4.65)	2.63( 1.15- 6.02)
DGCR8	rs9605062	0.61 (0.37- 1.00)	0.59( 0.28- 1.22)
	rs9606250	0.23 (0.06- 0.93)	-
DROSHA	rs874332	1.10 ( 0.83- 1.45)	1.98( 1.07- 3.64)
HIWI	rs4759659	0.48 (0.28- 0.82)	0.59( 0.29- 1.23)

NOTE Disease free survival event included locoregional recurrence (n=76), 2nd primary cancer (n=11), and death (n=3) from any cause.

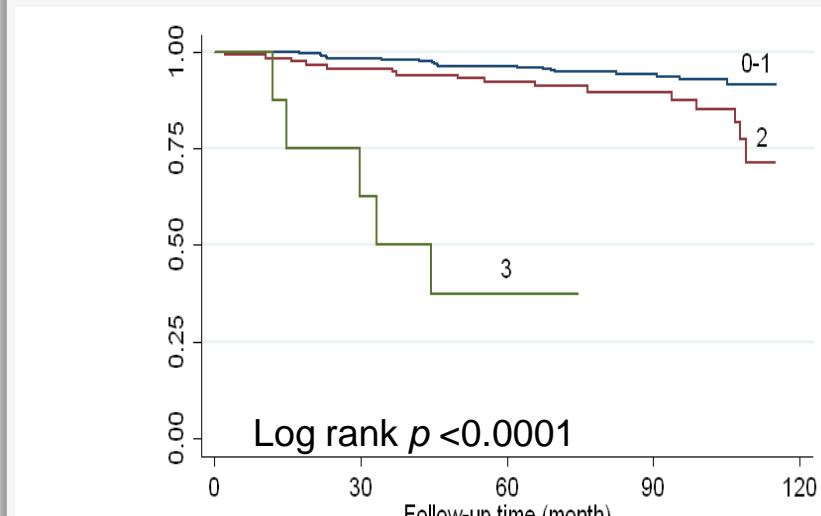
<sup>a</sup> Adjusted for age, TNM stage, and nuclear stage.

# Combined Effect of Unfavorable Genotypes and Breast Cancer Survival in SeBCS

DFS



OS



Number at risk					
0-3	239	232	220	93	30
4	207	193	175	82	28
5	19	17	15	5	1

Number at risk					
0-1	352	346	323	139	1
2	115	110	101	46	0
3	8	5	3	0	0

Unfavorable genotypes defined based on single SNP analysis and their best fitting model  
: rs11786030 (AG+GG), rs2292779 (GG), rs4759659 (GG), rs9605062 (TT), and rs9606250 (AA+AT) for DFS and rs874332 (CC), rs2292779 (GG), and rs11786030 (AG+GG) for OS

# Global Methylation and Breast Cancer Subtypes in SeBCS

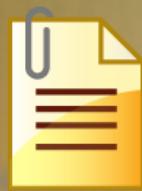
1<sup>st</sup>  
stage



## Genomewide scan

- Design: 12 ER+/PR+ vs. 12 ER-/PR-
- Method: Illumina Infinium methylation assay (27,578 CpG sites)

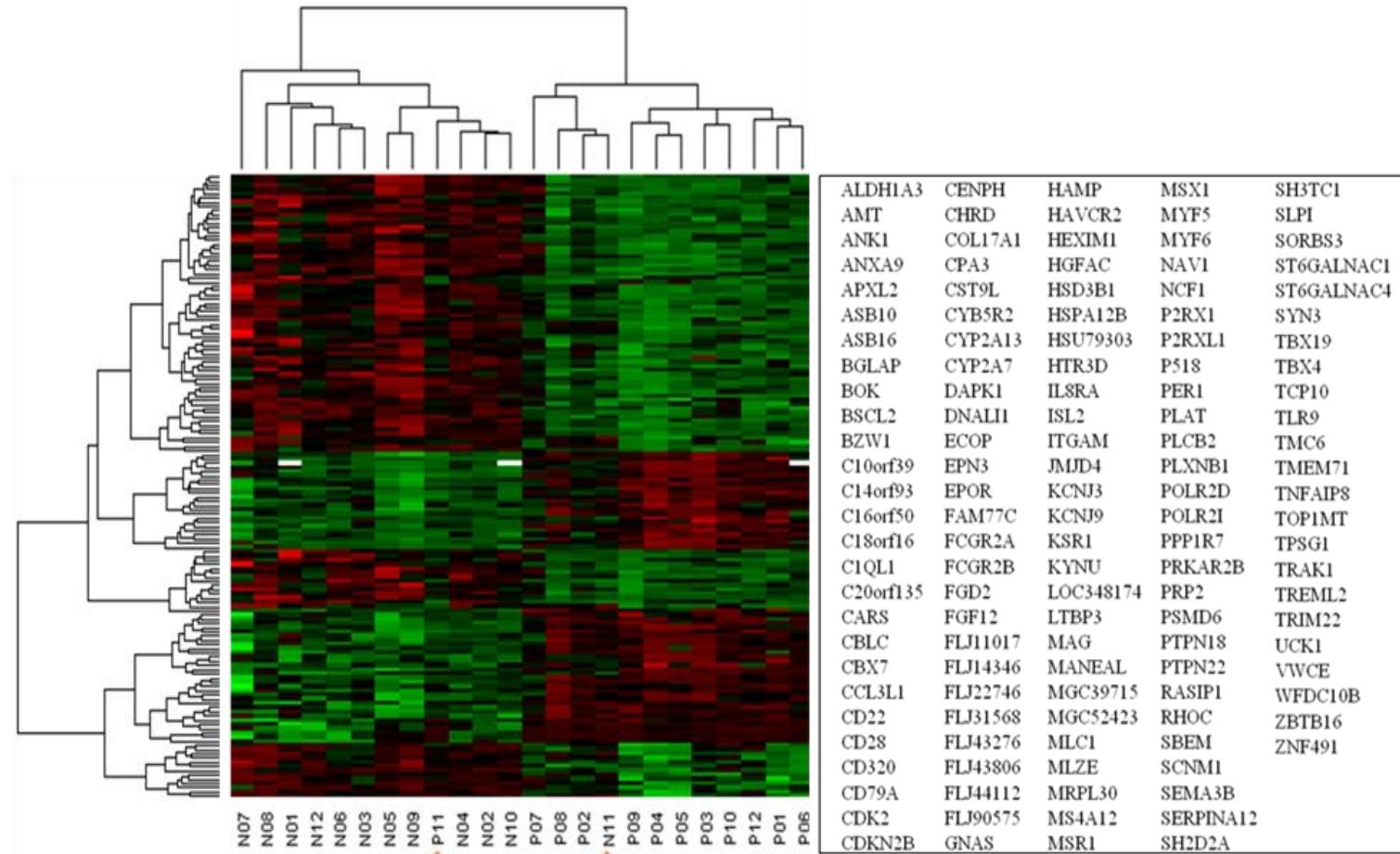
2<sup>nd</sup>  
stage



## Validation study

- Design : 31 ER+/PR+ vs. 39 ER-/PR-
- Method:
  - MSP (PER1, and MANEAL)
  - pyrosequencing (FAM124, T6GALNAC1, NAV1)

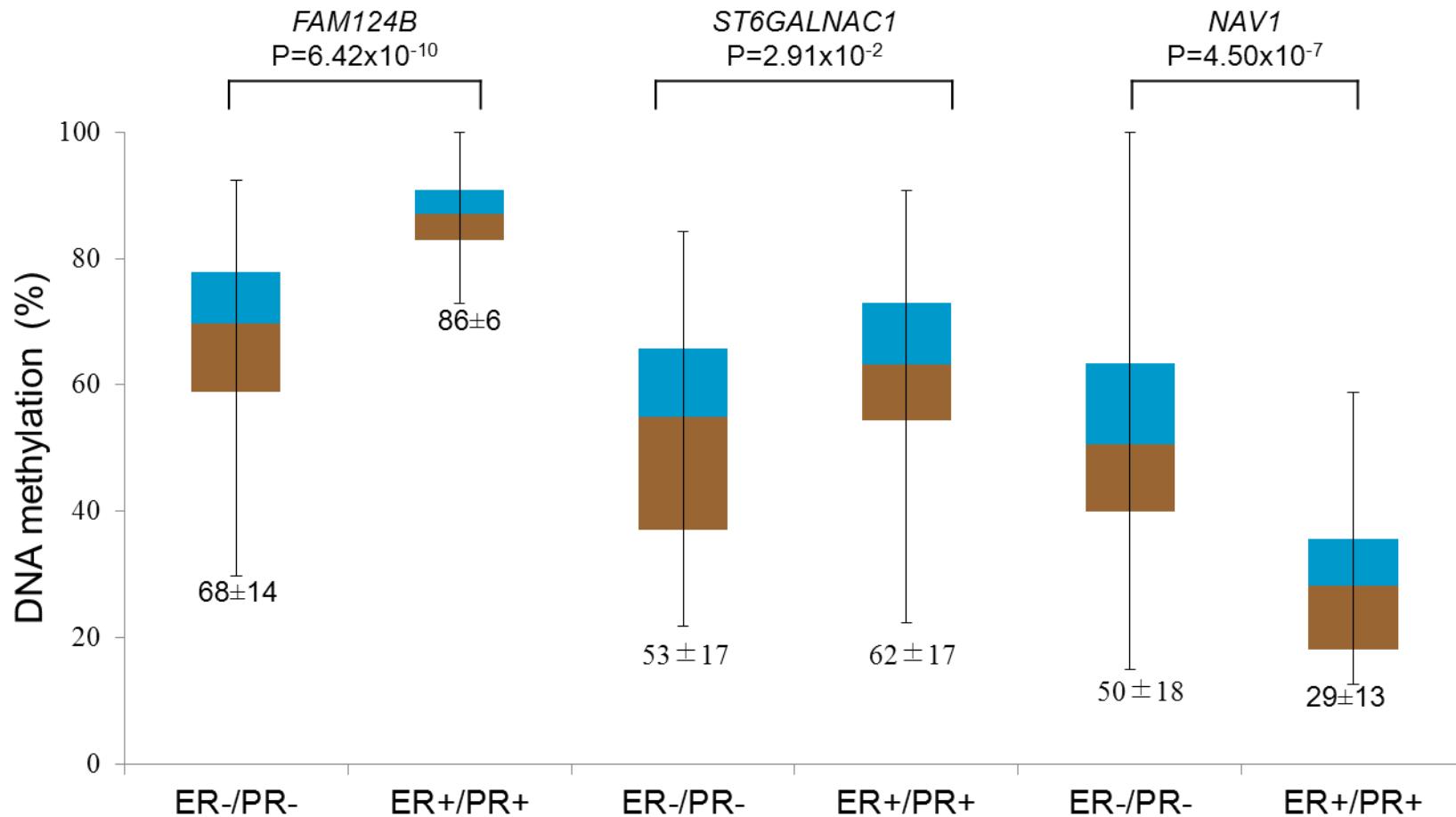
# Cluster Analysis of Methylation Level between ER+/PR+ and ER-/PR- Breast Cancer



(ER+/PR+: P01~P12, ER-/PR-: N01~N12, 148 methylation sites,  $p<0.001$ )

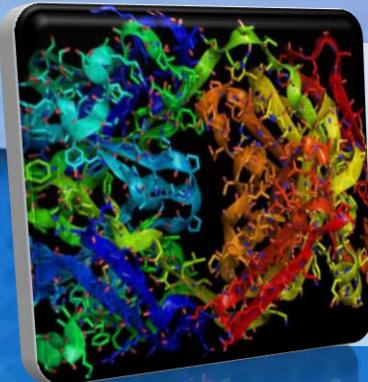
Li and Kang, 2010, HMG

# Results of Replication Study using Pyrosequencing in SeBCS



*Li and Kang, 2010, HMG*

# Serum Biomarkers, Under Research

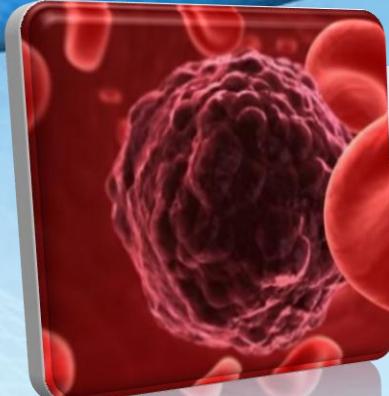
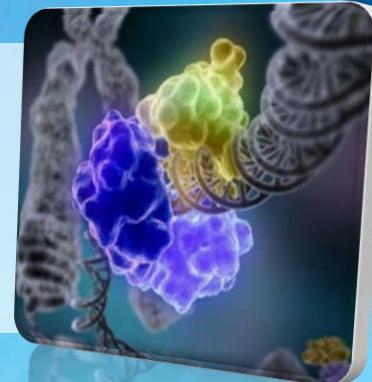


## Proteins

Autoantibodies  
Cytokines

## Cell free DNA-RNA

DNA  
Small RNA



## Circulating tumor cells

# Serum Protein, Under Research

Biomarkers	Outcomes
Members of the MUC family (MUC2,3,4,5,6)	Prognosis
Fragment of Cytokeratin 19, 18	Diagnosis
Circulating HER2 status	Recurrence Response to therapy
Mammoglobin, kallikrein 14, osteopontin, mutant p53	Diagnosis
Plasma prolactin	Diagnosis
IGF-1 & IGFBP-3	Diagnosis
bFGF & VEGF	Diagnosis
VEGF, Tie-2, angiopoietin-1	Prognosis Response to therapy
TIMP-1	Survival in metastatic BC
Pro-MMP	Aggressive behavior
Preoperative E-selectin	Advanced stage

# Serum Proteins Explored in SeBCS

- Lipotoxicity; **adiponectin, leptin, hsCRP, HGF, resistin, RBP, lipocalin-2, adiponisin**
- Angiogenesis; **b-FGF, VEGF, MMP2/MMP9, TIMP2**
- Oxidative Stress; **hsp70/hsp70b**
- One-carbon metabolism related to methylation; **folic acid, homocysteine**

# Possible Mechanisms of Lipocalin-2/MMP9 in Promoting Mammary Tumorigenesis and Metastasis

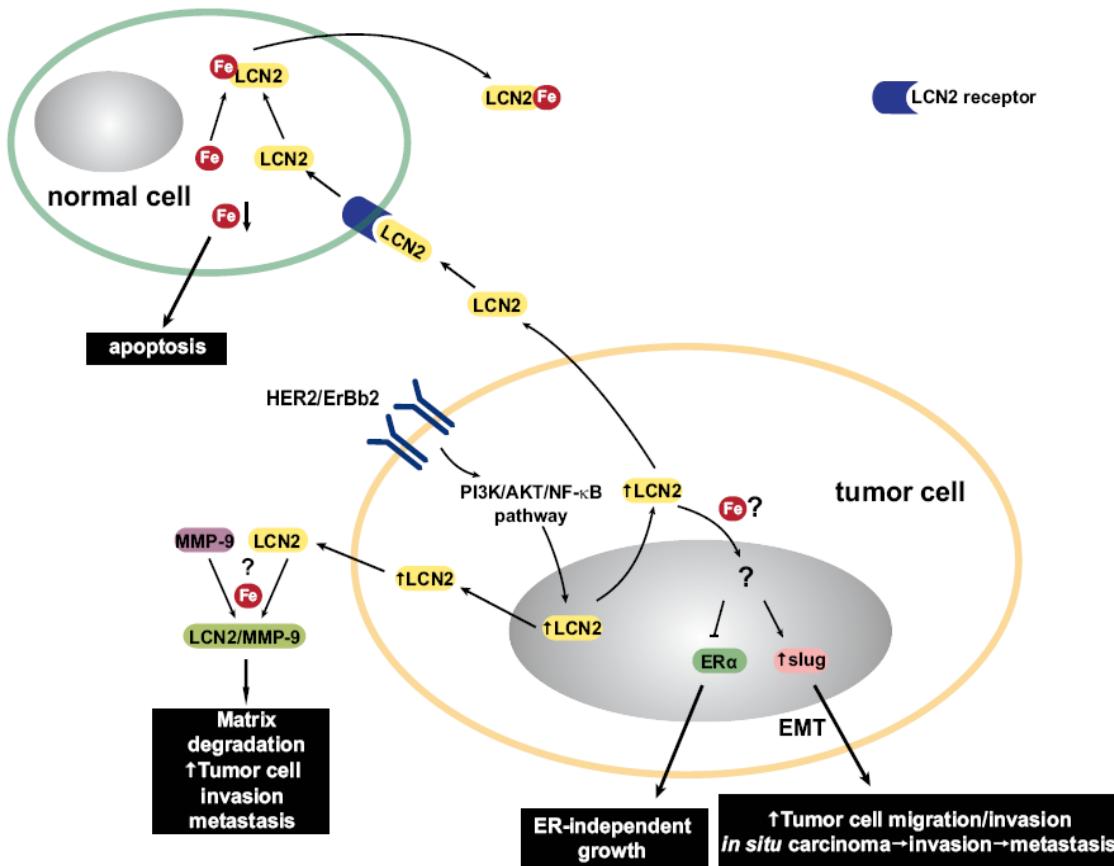


Fig. 1. Possible mechanisms of LCN2 in promoting mammary tumorigenesis and metastasis. Increased expression of LCN2 is stimulated by the activation of the PI3K/AKT/NF- $\kappa$ B pathway in the tumour cells. Increased secretion of LCN2 from the tumour cells might directly affect MMP-9 activity to promote cell motility, the ER-independent growth or the transition to a more mesenchymal/aggressive phenotype. Alternatively, the secreted iron-deficient LCN2 may enter the normal cells through LCN2 receptor and sequester the intracellular iron causing cell death.

Leng et al, J Cell Physiol. 2011

# Lipocalin-2 and MMP-9 for Breast Cancer Prognosis in SeBCS

		No. of All Patients	No. of Events	Adjusted HR	95% CI	P
Lipocalin-2 (ng/ml)	Continuous	303	87	1.05	1.02-1.08	0.003
	T1	100	22	1.00		
	T2	102	35	1.97	1.14-3.41	0.016
	T3	101	30	1.80	1.01-3.22	0.047
	$P_{\text{trend}}$					0.050
MMP-9 (ng/ml)	Continuous	303	87	1.04	1.00-1.06	0.104
	T1	100	22	1.00		
	T2	102	34	2.07	1.20-3.58	0.009
	T3	101	31	1.80	1.03-3.15	0.039
	$P_{\text{trend}}$					0.037
Combined	Continuous (0-4)	303	87	1.23	1.05-1.46	0.013
	Low (0-1)	109	29	1.00		
	Medium (2)	73	14	1.27	0.66-2.46	0.470
	High (3-4)	121	44	1.86	1.15-3.01	0.011
	$P_{\text{trend}}$					0.012

Sung and Kang et al, submitted

# Association between Serum Lipocalin-2 & MMP9 levels and DFS by BMI and LN status

■ low score

■ intermediate score

■ high score

\*  $P < 0.05$

$P_{\text{interaction}} = 0.070$

\* 4.49

$P_{\text{interaction}} = 0.018$

\* 2.55

$P_{\text{trend}} = 0.012$

\* 1.86

1.27

1.86

1.27

1.15

\* 2.55

1.25

0.71

2.38

\* 4.49

1.06

1.27

All

BMI<25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

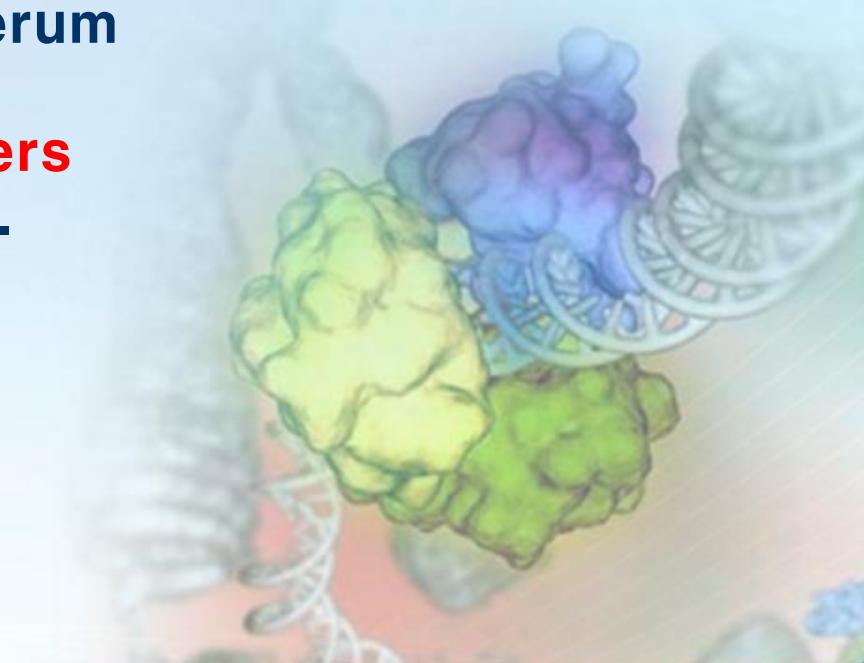
BMI≥25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

LN negative

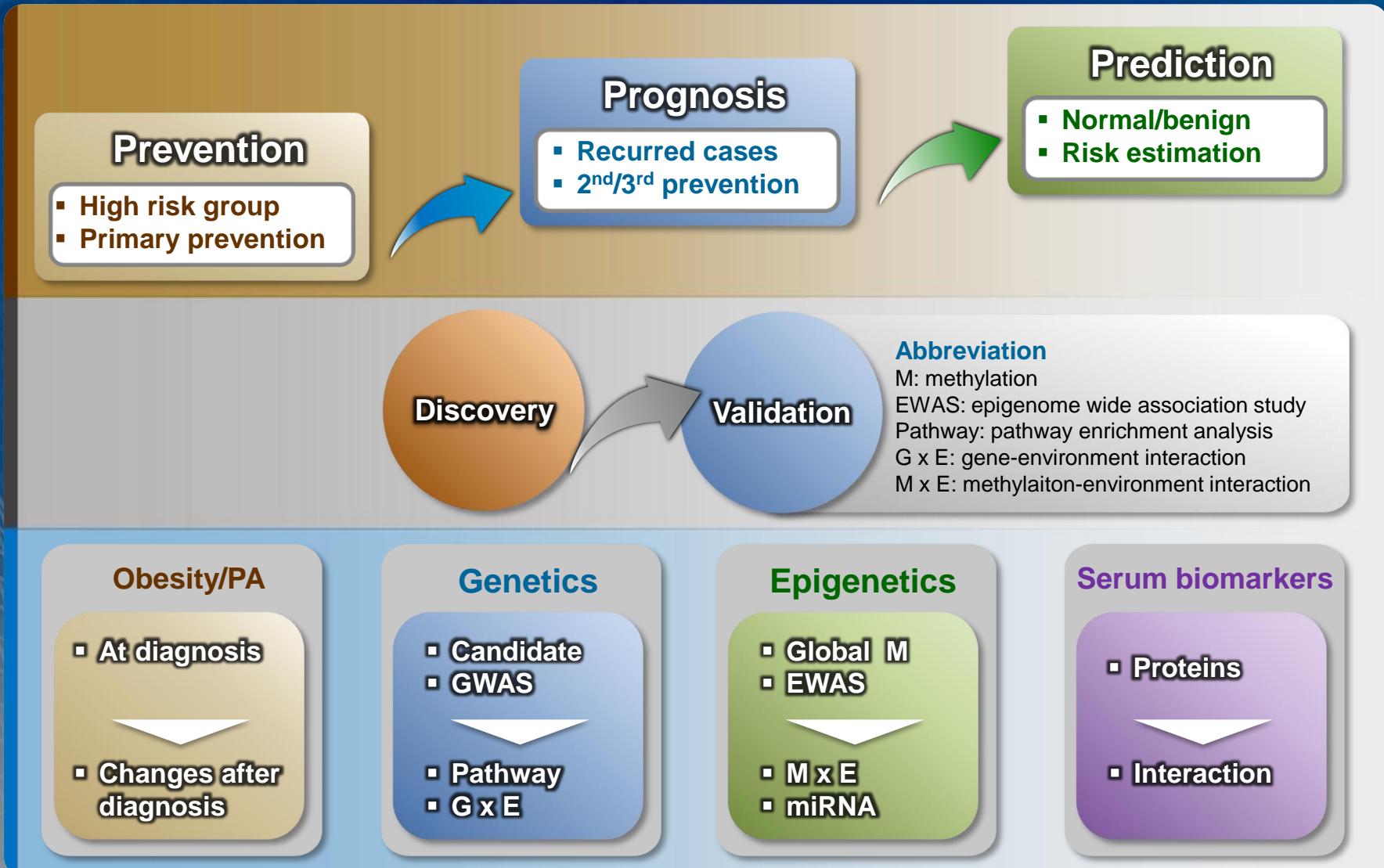
LN positive

# Summary

- Distribution and etiology of breast cancer subtypes are different across different populations.
- Obesity and physical activity might be independent factors of breast cancer survival but need more studies in Asian population.
- GWAS, methylation, and serum protein markers would be potentially useful biomarkers of breast cancer prognosis.



# Current and Future Direction of SeBCS



**Thank you  
for attention**